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TAGS: PFOR, UNSC, BD

SUBJECT: BANGLADESH APPLICATION FOR UN MEMBERSHIP

REF: USUN 1769

1. ASSUMPTION PARA 3 REFTEL CORRECT THAT YOU MAY SUPPORT
BD'S APPLICATION AND PROPOSAL TO HAVE SC ACT BY CONSENSUS.

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2. BANGLADESH AMBASSADOR INFORMED IO ASSISTANT SECRETARY

BUFFUM MAY 15 OF BANGLADESH'S DESIRE REACTIVATE ITS UN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION LATER THIS MONTH AND REQUESTED US SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE. BANGLADESH WISHED TAKE ADVANTAGE OF MOMENTUM ARISING FROM NEW UNDERSTANDINGS AMONG NATIONS OF SUB-CONTINENT AND RETURN OF ALL POWS. NOW THAT ALL ITS CONDITIONS HAD BEEN MET, HE BELIEVED PRC SHOULD RELENT. THERE HAD BEEN INDICATIONS BD WOULD ENCOUNTER NO PROBLEMS THOUGH IT HAD NO EXPLICIT OR FIRM INDICATION OF CHINESE POSITION. HE REFERRED IN THIS CONNECTION TO RECENT JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT CLOSE PAKISTAN PRIME MINISTER'S RECENT VISIT TO PEKING.

3. BUFFUM REAFFIRMED US SUPPORT FOR ADMISSION BANGLADESH, SAYING WE WELCOME ADVANCE CONSULTATIONS SUCH AS THIS. HE SAID IN HIS PERSONAL OPINION IT WOULD BE BETTER FROM STANDPOINT BANGLADESH ITSELF IF US DID NOT TAKE LEAD IN BEHALF BANGLADESH'S ADMISSION. WE WOULD OF COURSE LET

OTHERS KNOW OF OUR SUPPORT AND WISHED TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE BOTH HERE AND IN NEW YORK.

4. IN THIS CONTEXT BUFFUM SUGGESTED BANGLADESH MIGHT WISH CONSIDER POSSIBLE ADVANTAGES IN PROCEEDING IN FIRST INSTANCE THROUGH SC COMMITTEE ON ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS. SC HAVING ALREADY REFERRED BD APPLICATION TO COMMITTEE WHICH MADE NO RECOMMENDATION, SC PRESIDENT MIGHT REQUEST COMMITTEE RECONSIDER APPLICATION. COMMITTEE COULD THEN MAKE UNANIMOUS RECOMMENDATION TO SC FOR FAVORABLE ACTION ON APPLICATION, WHICH PRESIDENT COULD THEN PUT BEFORE SC FOR ACCEPTANCE BY CONSENSUS. POSSIBLE ADVANTAGES IN THIS PROCEDURE WOULD BE AVOIDANCE FAVORABLE SC ACTION IN ABSENCE ANY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THIS EFFECT AND ASSURANCE OF NECESSARY AGREEMENT IN SC FOR ANY ACTION BY CONSENSUS.

5. IN REPLY AMBASSADOR'S QUESTION, BUFFUM SAID WE HAD NO INDICATION CURRENT CHINESE POSITION BEYOND IMPLICATIONS COMMUNIQUE MENTIONED ABOVE. HE SUGGESTED AMBASSADOR MIGHT WISH INFORM PAKISTAN'S UN REP, WHOM AMBASSADOR SAID HE KNEW, OF BANGLADESH PLANS. AMBASSADOR SAID HE INTENDED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LEAVE THAT NIGHT OR NEXT DAY FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH UN MEMBERS IN NEW YORK, MENTIONING AUSTRALIA AND JAPAN SPECIFICALLY.

6. RE REFTTEL, IF TACTICAL SITUATION REQUIRES RESUBMISSION APPLICATION FORMALLY, THEN DEPT BELIEVES NEW APPLICATION SHOULD BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEE BY SC IN FIRST INSTANCE TO AVOID ANY POSSIBLE UNDERMINING OF PRESENT GENERAL

ACCEPTANCE REFERRAL PROCEDURE. RUSH

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